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TO DIRECTOR /44-38861/ ST. LOUIS /44-775/ SPRINGFIELD /44-561

FROM CHICAGO /44-1114

MURKIN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TEL MAY NINE LAST.

RE JOSEPH ELMER AUSTIN AKA: FORMER ASSOCIATE OF SUBJECT.

AUSTIN LOCATED AND INTERVIEWED THIS DATE. RESIDES IN CHICAGO'S WEST SIDE COLORED AREA. STATES LAST SAW SUBJECT IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN NINETEEN FIFTY NINE, HAD NO IDEA SUBJECT ESCAPED FROM PRISON AND WAS NOT AWARE RAY WAS BEING SOUGHT FOR MURKIN.

ONLY KNEW RAY FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS DURING FIFTYNINE, ROBBERY OF SUPERMARKET ALTON, ILLINOIS, WAS ONLY SCORE HE PULLED WITH SUBJECT. DID NOT KNOW ANY MALE OR FEMALE FRIENDS AND STATES NO POSSIBILITY OF SUBJECT KNOWING WHER HE IS. .

WHEN FIRST SHOWN SUBJECT'S PHOTOGRAPHS STATED INDIVIDUAL NOT KNOWN TO HIM. WHEN TOLD PHOTOS WERE OF SUBJECT STATED NEWEST PHOTO IN BUSINESS SUIT LOOKS A LITTLE LIKE RAY BUT HEAVIER THAN

HE RECALLS.

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CLAIMS NEVER MET SUBJECT'S BROTHERS. STATES

THE LOOT FROM ABOVE ROBBERY. NOTE AUSTIN SIXTYNINE YEARS OLD,

DAILY CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH BROTHER JERRY. HAS FURNISHED NO ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION. STILL STATES SUBJECT HAD NO DEEP RACIAL HATRED FOR NEGROES. CONSIDERING MOVE FROM PRESENT RESIDENCE SINCE LOCATION KNOWN TO EX-WIFE AND POSSIBLY PRESS.

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